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In re patent application of:)
Wolfgang-Reinhold Knappe) Before Examiner
Serial No. 09/426,931) Cross
Filed October 22, 1999)
SPREADING LAYERS, WETTING AGENTS) Art Unit
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THEIR USE IN TEST STRIPS)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002 (paper no. 16), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. Filed concurrent with this Response, is a Declaration of Dr. Knappe, a Submission of the Declaration, and a Request for an Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action. Please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary. Additionally, please deposit any overpayments and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account 23-3030 but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 10 2003

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